

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 13 October 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown, (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, W Mason, M Miller, and A Whittaker.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and 13 Members of the Public.

137.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H Caunce, V Caunce, M Frost, C Mayor, G Thomas and H Thomas.

138.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a personal interest in application 16/00887/DIS (Planning Matters).

139.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2016

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendment:

129.16 Councillors Frost, Mason and Miller were appointed to the Personnel Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

140.16 Matters Arising

The dumping of concrete by a resident of New Street in a parking bay on the Lord Street car park had been reported to Chorley Council.

141.16 Public Participation

Residents of Conway Road requested information on the possible development of the land to the rear of their property. The Chairman provided a brief precis of a meeting with the developer and described the proposals. Residents queried whether this should have taken place within a full council meeting. The residents were advised the advice of Chorley Council's Monitoring Officer had been sought prior to the meeting and the Council had been advised there were no legal reasons as to why the meeting should not have taken place. An opinion that such meetings should be held in the public domain was offered.

The issue of residents being made aware of developments was raised and reference was made to the recent approval, on appeal, for the application for houses off Tincklers Lane which, it was mentioned, many residents were unaware of. Disappointment regarding the decision of the Planning Inspector was expressed.

A resident expressed disappointment regarding the lack of positive comments submitted in response to the Ironman survey.

An area of agricultural land has become available for sale in Heskin and Heskin Parish Council had queried whether Ecclestone Parish Council might be interested in a joint approach with themselves and Wrightington Parish Council to try to acquire the land for allotments. As there is a limited time frame for the submission of offers Heskin Parish Council is to investigate the possibility of obtaining the land.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

142.16 Informal Meetings

Councillors considered a procedure for dealing with requests from property developers for informal meetings with Members of the Council.

Resolved: the Parish Council will not meet with prospective developers on an informal basis. Any requests to meet with the Council are to be included as an agenda item at a council meeting.

143.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00854/FULHH Erection of a single storey front, side and rear extensions with raising of ridge height to facilitate rooms in roof space with roof lights and external alterations to front, side and rear elevations at 68 Doctors Lane

16/00887/DIS Application for discharge of conditions 5 (Landscaping), 11 (Contamination), 13 (Dwelling Emission Rate), 18 (Boundary Treatments), 19 (Drainage) of 15/00656/FUL (which was for the erection of one detached dwellinghouse) at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook

16/00940/AGR Agricultural prior notification for erection of implement shed at 4 Woodcock Fold

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

144.16 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£	690.71	Employee 1	Salary
£	461.44	Employee 2	Salary
£	505.00	Employee 3	Salary
£	246.73	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	66.29	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout & Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£	87.00	D Proe	Hedge cutting
£	332.40	CA Traffic	Repair of Speed Indicator Device
£	72.00	Croston Plumbing and Heating	Repair of tap in Changing Rooms
£	39.27	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

145.16 Remembrance Sunday

Information regarding arrangements for the Parade and Service was provided. As the traditional start time for the Service has changed, the Police have advised they are unable to provide cover to man the road closures. Representatives of the Church are looking into whether the Parade can be satisfactorily marshalled and further information is awaited from the Church.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

146.16 Draft Chorley Householder Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document

Councillors considered a response to a Chorley Council consultation on the draft Householder Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document. Councillors had no comments.

147.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

148.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2016.